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SUBJECT: COM VEHICEL REPLACEMENT

FOR AF/EX KRYZA FROM AMB MANHARD

1. I HAVE TRIED TO BE PATIENT FOR A LONG TIME WITH THE WORST LEMON IT HAS EVERN BEEN MY MISFORTUNE TO HAVE FOR TRANSPORT-
ATION, BUT I HAVE REACHED THE BREAKING POINT. COM VEHICLE IS
1973 AUSTRALIAN HOLDEN. SINCE ITS DELIVERY HERE LESS THAN 15
MONTHS AGO, IT HAS REQUIRED EMERGENCY REPAIRS NO LESS THAN 12
TIMES IN ADDITION TO NORMAL SERVICING. FOR EXAMPLE, HORN AND
LIGHTS HAVE GONE OUT AT NIGHT ON DANGEROUS AIRPORT ROAD TO SEE
OFF PRIME MINISTER, STEERING GEAR HAS REPEATEDLY LOCKED REQUIR-
ING CAR TO BE LEFT UNATTENDED IN PUBLIC AREAS OVERNIGHT, AIR
CONDITIONER, WINDSHIELD, GAS TANK HAVE LEAKED REPEATEDLY.
SITUATION HAS BECOME SO BAD THAT I CAN NO LONGER DEPEND ON
GETTING WHERE I HAVE TO GO OFFICIALLY WITH ADEQUATE SAFETY
AND SECURITY.

2. REQUEST YOU HELP IN OBTAINING AUTHORIZATION FOR IMMEDIATE
DISPOSAL THIS VEHICLE AND FOR REPLACEMENT HOPEFULLY WITH SUIT-
ABLE AMERICAN-MADE CAR. UNTIL SUCH TIME AS DEPARTMENT CAN
AUTHORIZE AND PROVIDE SUITABLE SAFE VEHICLE, I PROPOSE TO
TRANSFER FLAGS TO MY POV, 1975 FORD LTD, AND CHARGE POST
BUDGET FOR FUEL AND NECESSARY MAINTENANCE. PERHAPS NO AMBASS-
ADOR HAS EVER ASKED FOR SUCH AUTHORIZATION, BUT AS STOP GAG
LTD WOULD BE FAR MORE SUITABLE AND ECONOMICAL AS COM VEHICLE
THAN ANYTHING NOW AVAILABLE HERE. PLEASE ADVISE.

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